

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Support for all of the amendments made is found in the specification as filed. Claims 11 and 14 are currently pending. Claims 2, 12, 13, 16 and 17 were previously canceled without prejudice. In view of the restriction requirement recited in the Office Action, claims 1, 3-9, 15 were withdrawn from further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action objects to the drawings under for failure CFR 1.83(a) to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection. However, in the interests of advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicant has amended Fig. 7 and associated text in the specification to show quick release pin 128, center connector hole 127 and brace portion hole 130 as requested. deleted from the specification thereby rendering the objection moot with respect to that numeral. One sheet of formal drawings incorporating those changes is attached hereto.

In light of the amendments to the specification and drawings and these remarks, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

The Office Action rejects claims 11 and 14 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, claims 11 and 14 are allegedly misdescriptive and incorrect because it is unclear how each rack engages with a vertical wall in lines 22-26 thereof. In response, claims 11 and 14 have been amended to eliminate references to a wall.

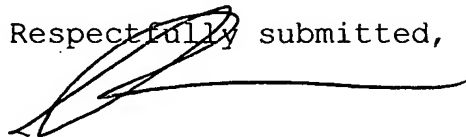
In light of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11 and 14 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The Office Action states that claims 11 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. As discussed previously, claims 11 and 14 have been amended as requested. Thus, claims 11 and 14 should now be in allowable form.

The Office Action states that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph and if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 1 and claims 12 and 13. Now redundant claims 12 and 13 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Thus, claim 11 and its dependent claim 14 should now be in allowable form.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

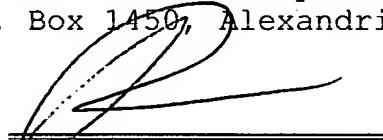


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